

Intercessions for Sunday 26th July

Let us commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God.

As we begin today – lets Pause, go slow, be still and quieten our busy minds and anxious thoughts

“Be still and know that I am God”

From Psalm 139

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

Lord in this time when we can feel overwhelmed and fearful for what lies ahead for our nation and the wider world as we consider the human and economic cost of this virus, we thank you Lord that you are the God of all and our hope can be found in you.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As the world is united in the search to find a vaccine against this virus, it remains divided on so many issues, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace we pray for cooperation, kindness and justice as the scientists creep towards treatments and solutions. May the richer nations of this world show mercy and generosity for the good of all people.

Lord in your Mercy

Hear our prayer

As the summer holidays begin, we pray for those in this town who are ever conscious of the cost of further weeks of having children at home full time. For families who may not meet the criteria for voucher support, but who know the real fear of not being able to provide physically for their family. We pray for the foodbank and make lunch as they help to meet this need, Resource them Lord, may the volunteers bring your hope to those whose hope is vanishing.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We ask for your blessing and guidance this week for Fiona and the team as they lead the virtual holiday club, we ask for smooth running and a tangible sense of your presence in all that takes place. We pray that Jesus would come alive to all those who encounter him in these stories as they are shared and explored– the children, parents and leaders
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We thank you for the safe arrival of Albert we ask for your strength for Claire and Michael in these early days, that each day would be filled with joy and laughter. We pray for Jeni and the family as they stop and rest in the coming weeks, restore Jeni and refresh her, may she sense your presence and hear your voice. Be with Rachel as she continues to get to know us and this place, may she find love and welcome and you ever present
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pause to pray for or those known to us personally and in the wider congregation who are ill or in distress at this time.. name them before the Lord, if you are at home you may want to speak out their names
We ask father for your love, healing and protection for all those named before you.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

As we go from here today may we choose to walk with you and say yes to serving you with our lives.

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Merciful father
Accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord